

# Veritas Academy



*Celestine and Mary Rose complete their homework under the devoted eyes of Miss Theresa Montgomery of Missouri. Miss Theresa worked at the orphanage and school for six months before returning home for a well deserved holiday after Easter. Everyone is looking forward to her return!*

the Veritas Academy summer school there are only two 50 minute lessons held in the morning. The children do not wear their uniforms and the classes are perhaps a little more light hearted (less boring) than usual.

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The new academic year commences on 9th June after the worst of the summer heat has passed (the temperature climbs to as high as 45°C or 113°F in May).

This year we hope to bring to fruition our project to formalise the school curriculum. It is a large project and we are indebted to the holy sisters of St. Michael's School in Great Britain and St. Dominic Savio's School in Rockdale, Australia for allowing us to plagiarise large parts of their curricula and for many books that have been lent to us. In the Society of St.Pius X, at the last count there were 47 schools throughout the world; this gives us an impressive base of experience to draw upon.

## NEW STAFF

While the other schools and colleges of Palayamkottai were still in session, interviews were conducted for vacancies



*A nervous young teacher is interviewed by Miss Marie-Blanche and Fr.Brucciani. In the background a pearl of wisdom holds that technology is the ultimate solution to our problems. It's a pity we can't buy some Catholic robots!*

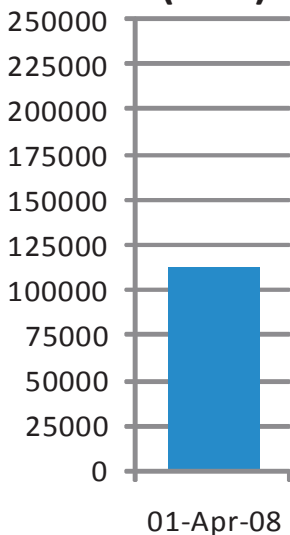
## END OF SCHOOL YEAR

The 2007-8 Academic Year closed on Easter Saturday with a 'School Day'. In the morning the school was cleaned from top to bottom before the final year reports were handed out by Fr. Brucciani.

In general, the older boys had worked hard during the year whereas the younger boys were lazy; the older girls were mixed and the younger girls needed to polish their once brilliant halos. Fr.Brucciani said he was thinking of introducing socks into the school uniform so that the lazy ones could be told to pull them up it bit.

The children enjoyed two weeks of proper holidays (swimming, monopoly, cricket, football, cycling and making a mess) before summer school began. Summer school is very common in India. At

## FUNDS RAISED (USD)



*We now have 45% of the funds required to build the new school.*



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*Mary Magdalene is clearly up to something.*

we have in our teaching staff. We visited three colleges in total and asked for Catholic candidates only. Regrettably we found only three suitable candidates from twenty interviews and two of these failed to show up for their teaching test. It seems that Providence is telling us that we need more volunteers from abroad. We need teachers of English, Science and Geography. The vacancies arise due to the

departures of Miss Rose Bourbeaux and Miss Marie-Claire Fortin of U.S.A. who have come to the end of their six month stay. We shall most certainly miss them.

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

We are still waiting for planning permission. At least there is no danger of rushing into things. Deo gratias. Ω



*Jerold takes a broadside in a game called 'killer ball.' The rules are not very complicated.*



*Violent games are strictly banned at Veritas Academy.*



*Laughing is also frowned upon.*



*Dominic will be punished.*



*"Military discipline is the key," says Joseph.*